[Mr. A. Hoogewerf.]

Independent Shop System in Cochin.

77. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the independent shop system was introduced in the bordering taluks of Cochin about ten years ago and why the same system was not introduced in the northern taluks of Travancore at that time?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The independent shop system in regard to toddy appears to have been introduced in the Cochin State in the year 1092 M. E. The great disparity in the rates of tree-tax prevailing in the two States prevented the introduction of the system in the northern taluks of Travancore.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Why were not the biennial contracts from 1094 to 1099 in the northern taluks given on the independent shop system?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is given there:—"The great disparity in the rate of tree-tax prevailing in the two States prevented the introduction of the system in the northern taluks of Travancore."

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): It is stated that the system was introduced in Cochin in 1092. There were three biennial contracts after that. Why was not the independent shop system introduced in the northern taluks of Travancore also?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The disparity referred to still continues. That is the reason why it was not introduced in the northern taluks of Travancore.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that the rentals are much higher in the Cochin State owing to the small tree-tax there?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, the rentals are higher there.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that the price of toddy on both sides of the border is equal?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

Male Doctor in the Victoria Jubilee Hospital, Quilon.

78. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Sub-Assistant Surgeon Mr. Sankaranarayana Aiyar, is still in the Victoria Hospital, Quilon;

(*b*) whether the appointment of a male doctor to a hospital where the in-patients are all women is not against the spirit of the Government order taking away the charge of the hospital from the doctor in

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charge of the District Hospital, Quilon, and placing a lady doctor in independent charge of it;

(*c*) whether there is not at present, in the Victoria Hospital, a lady who is acting as Sub-Assistant Surgeon who can take the place of the male doctor;

(*d*) whether, if this cannot be done, a lady doctor from any other hospital cannot be transferred to take Mr. Sankaranarayana Aiyar's place in that hospital; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that this officer was sent to help the lady doctor who was new to her work?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This institution is not a *gosha* hospital and the members of the staff are appointed as determined by exigencies of service. Women will be appointed as far as possible.

(*c*) The female Sub-Assistant Surgeon now working in the Victoria Hospital was posted as an additional assistant as one Sub-Assistant Surgeon was found insufficient to cope with the work.

(*d*) No female medical officer is available for transfer to the Victoria Hospital at present.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to say whether at any time before this a male doctor was appointed to the Victoria Hospital, Quilon?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): May I know the name of the person?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not remember the name.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Was there a male assistant doctor before Miss E. Samuel took charge there?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I must call for the information.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Are Government aware that the charge of the Victoria Hospital was taken away from Dr. Lakshmanan because he is a male doctor?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No. it was not on that ground that it was taken away.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): On what ground was it then?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Probably there was a lady doctor available at that time, and so she was put in charge of it and he was removed.

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[MR. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Is there any male doctor in charge of the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Do Government contemplate keeping this male doctor in the Victoria Hospital until another female doctor is available ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, till another lady doctor is available.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Did not one Miss Jacob, an M. B. & B. S., put in an application when there was a vacancy ?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

Increase in the Excise Revenue.

79. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state how much of the increase of Rs. 20 lakhs in the Excise revenue claimed to have been brought about by the present Excise Commissioner since he took charge of the department has been derived from (1) the enhancement of salt duty ; (2) the enhancement of duty on liquor or tree-tax ; (3) the enhancement of the duty on opium and ganja ; (4) the enhancement of the duty on other articles ; and (5) improvement of trade conditions ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A statement furnishing the information required by the member is given below : —

Items of Revenue.	*Increased amounts derived.*		
	Rs.	Chs.	C.
(1) Salt duty ...	5,73,169	23	14
(2) Tree-tax ...	1,81,516	3	5
Duty on arrack ...	2,47,125	13	3
(3) Opium and Ganja ...	*Nil.*	...	...
(4) Other articles ...	7,29,703	0	0

(5) The increase in revenue on account of improvement in trade conditions is not ascertainable.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the duty on Coimbatore and Tinnevelly tobacco was raised from Rs. 90 to Rs. 100 and on Jaffna tobacco from Rs. 100 to Rs. 110 after Mr. Van Ross took charge ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): What is the increased amount derived by the enhancement of the duty on tobacco ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The total enhancement is given there.

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